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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT AND  
SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In this response to the Office Action of July 2, 2002, Applicants elect as required certain claims for examination. Applicants have also amended the Specification in the following Supplemental Preliminary Amendment.

**ELECTION OF CLAIMS**

In the Office Action, the Examiner required election of claims directed to Figs. 1, 5 or 6. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants respectfully submit the following chart to clarify the relationship of the pending claims with the three embodiments of the invention and the various Figures.

<b>Claim</b>	<b>Related Figures</b>	<b>Embodiment Group</b>
10	All	All
11	All	All
12	All	All
13	6	III
14	All	All
15	All	All
16	All	All
17	All	All
18	All	All
19	All	All
20	All	All
21	All	All
22	All	All
23	All	All
24	All	All
25	All	All
26	All	All
27	All	All
28	All	All
29	6	III
30	5	II
31	5	II
32	5-6	II, III
33	5-6	II, III
34	5-6	II, III

Applicants hereby ~~elect without traverse~~ Claims 10-12 and 14-28 directed to Embodiments I and II and Figs. 1-4 for initial prosecution. Applicants submit that Independent Claims 10 and 14 are generic to all three embodiments. Therefore, Applicants reserve the right

to prosecute subsequently the non-elected claims without prejudice or disclaimer if a generic claim is ultimately allowed.

### **SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of this application on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below and consider the remarks that follow.

#### **In the Drawings**

Applicants propose amending Figs. 1, 4 and 5 as set forth in the Request for Approval of Supplemental Drawing Changes filed with this Election and Supplemental Preliminary Amendment.

#### **In the Specification**

Applicants propose amending the Specification as follows:

Please replace the last paragraph on page 5 and continuing on page 6 of the Specification with the following paragraph (marked up copies of originally filed pages 5 and 6 are attached):

--Further details, features and advantages of the invention arise from the following description of preferred embodiments with the aid of the drawings. There is shown in:

Fig. 1 a side view of a first embodiment of the invention particularly showing a clamping bracket with surrounding elements shown in phantom,

Fig. 2 a sectional drawing along the section line II-II of Fig. 1,

Fig. 3 a sectional drawing along the section line III-III of Fig. 1,

Fig. 4 a plan view of the mirror housing framing seen from the front,

Fig. 5 a side view of a second embodiment of the invention particularly showing the clamping bracket with surrounding elements in phantom, and

Fig. 6 a sectional view such as in Fig. 3 of a third embodiment of the invention. --